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Comments: A 66 acre private wood lot directly across the road from our home was logged for 2 months this winter. We saw 2 foresters marking trees with blue dots and slashes on one of our regular hikes last fall and were pleased that the job was awarded to a local business. However we were not prepared for the continuous loud grinding motors of a feller butcher and 2 huge skidders plus the screeching whine of a limber all day long every day. Multiple tandem trucks full of logs left daily; it took about a half hour to load a tandem truck. Our weekly winter feederwatch bird count was a fraction of the numbers we have seen in previous years; no way to be sure the logging is the reason. Regardless, the constant noise stresses people and animals and diesel exhaust pollutes our air and atmosphere. The warm weather in January and February made the operation very muddy, a problem that is only going to get worse in coming winters.

I am extremely concerned about the multiple negative impacts of over 30 log landings in the Green Mountain National Forest Telephone Gap IRP now that I have personally experienced the impact of only ONE log landing. We live within the Telephone Gap IRP on Barnard Rd.